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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,466,820  
AB United States Patent No. 6,070,100  
AC United States Patent No. 5,720,768  
AD United States Patent No. 5,643,326  
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AM European Application 0 451 498  
AN European Application 0 308 535  
AU U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0023281  
AV U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0183792

### **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

References AA, AB, AC and AV were identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

References AD, AM, AN, AU and AV were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office in connection with the counterpart Swedish application. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith.

References AA, AL, AN and AV were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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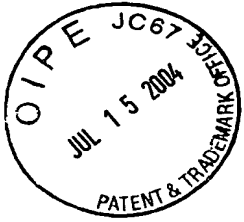
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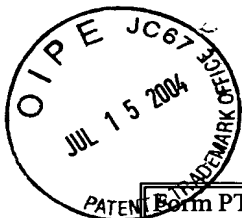
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